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MISSOULA.....

The University of Montana Grizzlies, sporting the best nine-game UM win-loss record since the 1960-61 season, begin Big Sky play Thursday against the Weber State Wildcats on the first stop of a four-game, nine-day road trip. The Tips play Northern Arizona Saturday and then move to Colorado for midweek contests with Southern Colorado State and the Air Force Academy.

Montana concluded the 1972 part of its schedule Saturday night with a 73-52 lacing of the College of Great Falls. The triumph raised the Montana record to 6-3. Only the 1960-61 Grizzly squad has posted a better opening record in the last 12 seasons. They were 7-2 enroute to a 14-9 season.

Montana has had little past success with its Thursday night opponent, the Weber State Wildcats. The series record between the two schools is 6-17 in favor of the Utah school, the Grizzlies have won only one of the last 13 meetings between the two schools and have managed only one victory over the Wildcats in 12 visits to Ogden.

The Wildcats have won five straight Big Sky titles, but are picked to be dethroned by Idaho State this season. The Cats are still strong, however. They have won six of nine games this season and three starters from last year's championship team. They are all-conference guard Brady Small, who will miss this week's games because of an injury, forward Richard Cooper and guard Wes Van Dyke. Cooper and Riley Wimberly, last season's sixth man, are the leading Wildcat scorers with 14 point averages.

Saturday Montana moves to Flagstaff, Arizona, to do battle with the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks. The Lumberjacks are a powerful rebounding team that always plays well at home. Charles Flemons, a 6-4 forward, is the leading NAU scorer and rebounder. He is averaging 19 points and 10 rebounds. Guards Lester Madison and Nate Payne have been chipping in with 14 points apiece.

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The following week the Grizzlies tackle the Indians of Southern Colorado State on Wednesday and the Air Force Academy Falcons on Thursday before returning to Missoula. Both games with the Colorado schools are non-conference.

Coach Jud Heathcote said, "Realizing that it's difficult to win on the road, I would settle for a split of both series. I think a split of the conference games would be a real boost to our chances of being contenders for the conference title. Of course I would like to win all four games and that is our goal."

Eric Hays, a transfer from Washington State, is eligible to play on the trip. The 6-3 guard-forward is expected to see considerable action. At Washington State he was the second leading scorer (12.7) on the 1970-71 Cougar freshman team that posted a 20-2 record.

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## 1972-73 GRIZZLY BASKETBALL STATS

6 Wins 3 Losses

Player	G	FG/FGA	Pct.	FT/FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Pts.	Avg.	High
Mike Murray	9	68-122	.557	32-46	.696	24	2.7	13-1	168	18.7	29
Ken McKenzie	9	48-103	.466	25-42	.595	91	10.1	31-2	121	13.4	23
Larry Smedley	9	34-79	.430	13-18	.722	54	6.0	22	81	9.0	17
Dale Parker	9	23-44	.523	9-12	.750	28	3.1	21-1	55	6.1	16
Earl Tye	9	27-45	.600	17-20	.850	66	7.3	30-2	71	7.9	16
Robin Selvig	1	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	0	0.0	2	7	7.0	7
Kevin Rocheleau	5	7-22	.318	5-6	.833	9	1.8	11	19	3.8	7
Cris Anderson	8	4-11	.364	3-6	.500	8	1.0	5	11	1.4	4
Scott Hollenbeck	9	4-17	.235	3-5	.600	18	2.0	6	11	1.2	5
Mark Nord	9	15-23	.652	3-6	.500	9	1.0	13	33	3.7	8
Blake Lyman	6	4-8	.500	2-2	1.000	2	0.3	7	10	1.7	6
Tom Peck	7	4-13	.308	3-5	.600	4	0.6	3	11	1.6	6
Carnail Banks	7	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1	0.1	6	6	0.9	4
UM TOTAL	9	243-498	.488	118-170	.694	359	39.9	161-6	604	67.1	75
OPP. TOTAL	9	212-556	.381	114-167	.683	345	38.3	200-3	538	59.8	79

UM	OPPONENT	OPP.	Site	Top UM Scorer	Top UM Rebounder
75	Morningside	44	Missoula	Murray 29	McKenzie 12
71	Stout State	60	Missoula	McKenzie 23	McKenzie 9
44	*Puget Sound	67	Tacoma, Wash.	Murray 10	Parker 8
74	*Portland State	76 (OT)	Tacoma, Wash.	Murray 26	McKenzie 13
72	Washington State	49	Missoula	McKenzie 20	Tye 7
58	Wyoming	49	Missoula	Murray 22	McKenzie 10
75	Cal State-Hayward	62	Missoula	Murray 18	Smedley 11
62	Oregon State	79	Corvallis, Ore.	Murray 16	McKenzie 11
73	C. of Great Falls	52	Missoula	Parker, Tye 16	McKenzie 16

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